



It was March of 1971 - the first time that Darlene and I made the “pilgrimage” to Israel. We were so excited we could hardly stand it! And rightly so for what a trip it was. Well, here we are now - 40 years later - and getting ready to go once again to the Land of our Lord. For me, it’s trip # 31 and for Darlene trip # 26. And once again - we can hardly wait to get there!

What is there about Israel that is such a magnet in our lives? Of course, walking in the footsteps of Jesus tops the list. But there are other reasons as well:

- Jerusalem - the winding narrow streets, the hills of Zion and the Mount of Olives; Gethsemane, Calvary, the empty Tomb, the color and sounds of the city - and, yes, the aromas, too
- The olive trees, the Kidron Valley, the Western (Wailing) Wall, the people from every nation you can imagine
- Bethlehem - the shepherds’ fields, the cave of the nativity, the fabulous shopping
- The Valley of Elah - the spot where David picked up five smooth stones and hit Goliath right between the eyes (you may bring some of those similar stones home with you)
- Masada - the Dead Sea, En Gedi (the canyon where David hid from Saul), Sodom
- The road to Jericho
- The Sea of Galilee - the boat cruise, the Mount of Beatitudes, the shore where Jesus made breakfast for the disciples, the Jordan River (and water baptism there)
- Mount Hermon - the Mount of Transfiguration, the headwaters for the Jordan at “the Gates of Hell,” Gideon’s spring, the overlook at the Syrian border where we see Paul’s road where he met Christ

...and the list goes on and on. This will be the most extensive exploration of Israel that we have ever done! That’s why we have added several more days to the tour.

You will stay in beautiful hand-chosen hotels, terrific food, special guides (whom I have selected just for this trip), and gorgeous new sight-seeing buses.

Our cost for this trip includes everything except a few mid-day lunches and cokes or other special drinks you choose at breakfast and dinner. Those meals, by the way, are terrific, with Israeli cuisine that you will truly enjoy. (There are other trips you may see that appear at first look to be less expensive; however, by the time you figure up all their extras - such as entry fees, taxes, tips, etc., you will find that our trip is probably even less than their’s - and much, much better.) I have taken over 3,000 people to Israel through the years and so many of the folks go back again and again.

Read the enclosed material carefully. Our trip is May 2-15, 2012. We already have a list of folks who want to go. I can tell you frankly that IT WILL BE THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME! Darlene and I really want you to join us.

God bless you and - SHALOM.

Pastor Dan Betzer

14 DAY TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND
HOSTED BY PASTOR DAN BETZER
MAY 2 – 15, 2012
\$4,950.00 per person

DAY 1 (Wed. May 2): We leave the States for a journey to the land where the Bible will unfold before our eyes. We will walk, see, feel and touch the roots of our faith, encounter the divine and sense His presence.

DAY 2 (Thur. May 3): Flying over the Atlantic Ocean and over Europe, we reach the shores of God's land. Upon our arrival to the Ben Gurion airport we will be met by our guide and transferred to our hotel in the Golden City of the Mighty King: **JERUSALEM**, for a wonderful buffet dinner and a good night's rest.

DAY 3 (Fri. May 4): MT. OF OLIVES - JERUSALEM'S CHRISTIAN SITES

After a rich Israeli breakfast, we begin the day at the **Mt. of Olives** with a magnificent overview of Jerusalem and an explanation of its history. Then walk down the **Palm Sunday Road** to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, site of Jesus' betrayal (Luke 22). After a visit to the **Upper Room**, we will enter **St. Stephen's Gate** and come to the **Pool of Bethesda**, where Jesus healed the lame man (John 5). After a time of singing in **St. Anne's Church**, we will view the remains of the **Antonia Fortress**, site of Jesus' trial (Mathew 27). We then will follow the **Way of the Cross** out of the **Damascus Gate**.

DAY 4 (Sat. May 5): BETHLEHEM - AFTERNOON FREE

In the morning we will visit **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus, and the **Church of Nativity**. We will also visit the pastoral **Shepherds' Fields**, where David raised his sheep and where the Good News about Jesus' birth was received (Luke 2). Before returning to Jerusalem, we will make a stop at **Herodion**, site of King Herod's palace and burial place. The rest of the day will be free. You may want to use this afternoon to stroll on your own, rest or do some shopping. Our tour bus will function as a shuttle bus and different activities will be suggested.

DAY 5 (Sun. May 6): OLD CITY - NEW JERUSALEM

We will begin our visit to the Old City with a quiet moment of prayer at the **Western Wall**. Then we will visit the **Temple Mount** and the impressive **Dome of the Rock**. At the **Ophel Digs**, we will walk on the First Century Street, used by pilgrims for centuries, while viewing the remains of the Temple and the steps used by Jesus when entering it (Luke 19, Matthew 21). We will spend most of the afternoon at the **Israel Museum**. Here we will have a chance to visit the **Model of Jerusalem** during Jesus' time to obtain an excellent perspective of the city at His time. We will visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed, and view the ossuary of Caiphas and Pontious Pilate Stone. Finally, at **Yad Vashem**, the museum of the Holocaust, we will better understand the miracle of Israel's revival and return to the Land, as promised by God.

DAY 6 (Mon. May 7): DEAD SEA AREA

Today we will leave Jerusalem and descend toward the **Dead Sea**, located in the lowest place in the world, 1,300 feet below sea level! Our first stop will be at **Ein Gedi**, where David wrote some of his beautiful psalms. After a short hike, we will reach the waterfall where David cut off Saul's skirt (I Samuel 24). We will continue to the astonishing ruins of **Massada**. Using a cable car we will reach Herod's magnificent fortress, site of the Zealots' stand against Rome. Well preserved storehouses, cisterns and palaces will be among the features to visit. At noontime we will stop at **Ein Bokek** for lunch and a float on the salty sea. Before returning to Jerusalem, we will visit **Qumran**, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls' discovery.

DAY 7 (Tue. May 8): CITY OF DAVID - ELLAH VALLEY

We will begin the day at the Mount of Olives and walk through the **Kidron Valley**, following the path Jesus would have taken many times in His coming and going from Bethany to the temple. We will pass a row of Second Temple monumental sepulchers, including the so-called Absalom's tomb, ending at the **Pool of Siloam**, where Jesus healed the blind man, (John 9). Then we will make a stop at a park located in the heart of Jerusalem to view an original First Century Tomb and the **Rolling Stone** that closed it. In the early afternoon we will leave the city and drive to the **Elah Valley**, where you will be able to pick up your own stone from the brook where David slew Goliath (I Samuel 17).

DAY 8 (Wed. May 9): JEWISH MARKET - GARDEN TOMB

We will enter the old city of Jerusalem through the **Jaffa Gate**. We will walk through the **Arab Market** and bazaar and see the **Cardo** and **Hezekiah's Wall**. We will continue to the **Jewish Quarter**, to visit the extensive area uncovered by archaeologists, including the **Burnt House** at the **Herodian Quarter**, where we will see the interior of houses from Jesus' time with ashes

indicating Jerusalem's destruction. We will also visit the impressive **Rabbi's Tunnel**, running along the continuation of the Western Wall, to get a better understanding of how the impressive complex of the Temple Mount was constructed. We will end our last tour day in the city at the **Garden Tomb**, site of the crucifixion and culminate our visit with Communion at **Calvary**.

DAY 9 (Thur. May 10): JERUSALEM - JORDAN VALLEY

We will leave behind us the magnificent city of Jerusalem and start descending down the old **Jericho Road**, used in Christ times (Luke 10). Our first stop will be done view the spectacular **St. George Monastery**, built in the 5th century and still inhabited by a few monks. Passing by **Jericho**, the oldest city in the world and a beautiful oasis (Joshua 3) continue driving up the **Jordan Valley** to reach **Beth Shean** (I Sam. 31), a Decapolis Capital mentioned in the Gospels. Here, we will walk on the ancient streets, view the Roman steam baths, the theatre, coliseum, market and temples. In the afternoon, we will begin ascending up north towards the beautiful region of the Galilee. We will visit the **Spring of Harod**, the site where Gideon received the 300 men to fight the Midianites (Judges 7). Before reaching our hotel we will drive by **Mt. Gilboah**, where King Saul fell on his sword and found his death (I Samuel 31).

DAY 10 (Fri. May 11): AREA OF THE TRIBE OF DAN

Today is dedicated to the spectacular northern part of Israel. Following the accounts described in the Gospel of Luke chapter 9, we will drive through the **Hula Valley** to reach **Mt. Hermon**, where the miracle of Transfiguration occurred. We will visit the **Banias**, one of the headwaters of the **Jordan River** and site of **Caesarea Philippi**, where Peter confessed Christ's divinity, (Mat. 16:13-20). From there, we will continue to the **Dan Nature Reserve**. After a refreshing walk through the beautiful reserve and a taste from the cool water, we will discover Jeroboam's Altar (I Kings 12). We will also see a city gate from the time of Abraham the Patriarch and learn about the importance of the gate in the social life of the city in the Old Testament times. Before returning to the hotel we visit the Crusader **fortress of Nimrod** dating from the 12th century. Driving on the **Damascus Road**, we remember Paul encounter with Jesus and his conversion, (Acts 1:1-9).

DAY 11 (Sat. May 12): AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

Today we will be visiting the places where Jesus spent most of his public life and the sites you have read about all of your life. Using a replica of the wooden fishing boat from the disciples' time, we will sail on the **Sea of Galilee** and recall Jesus' experiences with the fishermen. Our first stop will be at **Capernaum**, where Jesus taught in the synagogue and spent much of His ministry (Matthew 4). Then we will continue to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where Christ preached the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Driving around the lake we will visit **Tabgha** place of the feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14) and the site of **Gadara** where Jesus healed the man possessed by demons (Mark 5). Continue to **Corazin**, one of the three cities often visited by Jesus and later cursed by Him. In the afternoon we will stop by the **Jordan River** for a **Baptism service** in the same water Jesus was baptized in.

DAY 12 (Sun. May 13): NAZARETH - SEPHORIS - ARBEL CLIFF

Our day is dedicated to the area of Lower Galilee. Driving by **Cana of Galilee** where Jesus performed His first miracle at the wedding feast (John 2), we reach **Nazareth**, where Jesus spent most of His life. We will make a stop at **Mt. of Precipice** (Luke 4) for a wondrous view of Nazareth and the Valley of Armageddon. Continue to **Sephoris**, the capital of Galilee in Jesus days. A very old tradition points this city as the birthplace of Virgin Mary and most likely the place where Joseph worked as a stonemason. During the archeological excavations were found remains of a synagogue and houses with the most beautiful mosaics in the country. The most famous depicts the bust of a lady known as the Mona Liza of Galilee. In the afternoon we visit the cliff of **Arbel**. After a short walk we reach the most spectacular view of the Sea of Galilee and its surroundings. It is from this place that we can see and learn about all the places visited by Jesus during His ministry in the region. Enjoy the rest of the day by the Sea of Galilee or use the spa facilities of the hotel.

DAY 13 (Mon. May 14): COASTAL PLAIN

The morning will be dedicated to a trip through the **Valley of Jezreel**. At **Megido** we will view the excavations of 21 superimposed cities, the remains from Solomon's days (I Kings 9). Continue to **Mt. Carmel**, where Elijah held the contest with 450 prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). At noon, a memorable experience is awaiting for us, as we stop for a typical **Falafel Meal** at the Druze village of **Daliat El-Carmel**. Heading towards the Mediterranean, our last destination will be **Caesarea**, city of Cornelius the Centurion, the first Gentile to convert (Acts 10). We will visit the Roman theatre, walk on the pier used by the apostle Paul on his way to Rome and see the impressive water aqueduct built by Herod the Great. At the end of the day we will reach our hotel, on the coast of the **Mediterranean**.

DAY 14 (Tue. May 15): Early departure for home, after fulfilling a lifetime dream of seeing, touching and breathing the very places we have only read about until now. Arriving home our Bible will never be the same, for it will be alive in front of our eyes and in our hearts forever.

The itinerary is as described but is subject to local conditions at the time of the tour. Itinerary may change at the discretion of the tour director(s) or land operators.

INCLUDES: Roundtrip airfare from Fort Myers, roundtrip transfers between airport and hotels, hotel accommodations, 11 day tour of Israel with guide, two afternoons free with bus, breakfast and dinner daily, three lunches (Falafel, Lot Dead Sea and Bethlehem), all entrance fees, all hotel taxes, current airport taxes (**which are subject to change until ticketed**) and all gratuities, medical insurance while in Israel (**This medical insurance is not covered for travelers 75 or older and does not cover anyone while in Bethlehem**), personalized name badge, document case with luggage tags, international phone card and luggage strap.

HOTELS: 7 nights Leonardo Plaza, Jerusalem; 4 nights Galei Kinnereth, Tiberias; 1 night Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

PRICE: \$4,950.00 per person, based on double occupancy, from Fort Myers, FL. Tour based on a minimum of 36 passengers per bus. Single supplement is an additional \$1,240.00. Single supplements are limited at this price.

CANCELLATION/REFUNDS/LATE BOOKING: See inside right page of brochure cover.

PAYMENT: Deposit of \$1,000.00 per person is due immediately to hold your space. Second payment of \$500.00 per person is due by November 15, 2011. Final payment is due on or before March 1, 2012. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended, as there are cancellation penalties that will apply. Please note that insurance must be taken out within 21 days of deposit to waive the pre-existing condition clause and other items. Applications have been provided to the church for your convenience. **This insurance, besides trip cancellation insurance and other items, will also cover medical for travelers 75 years + and travelers in Bethlehem (which is not covered above).** We recommend Travelex insurance company, but you may use any company.

Tour is subject to all terms and conditions as listed in attached brochure

Make Checks Payable to: JOURNEYS UNLIMITED, INC.

Mail Registration and Deposit to: Attn: Ginny Traycik, First Assembly of God, 4701 Summerlin Road, Ft. Myers, FL 33919-1066

Further Information call: First Assembly of God, Ft. Myers – Ginny Traycik @ 239-936-6277, ext. 234 or email graycik@famfm.com, or Journeys Unlimited @ 215-357-8666 Ext. 100.

Israel 2012 Registration Information

Important - please read this first, before starting your registration process!!

Thank you for your interest in Pastor Betzer's next Israel tour. If you would like to register, please do the following and return all to my office:

1. Please read and review all of the documents, including the terms and conditions.
2. Complete and **sign** the enclosed registration form – one form per person. It is important that you sign the registration form acknowledging that you agree to the tour conditions.
3. Enclose a deposit check of \$1,000 per person made payable to Journeys Unlimited, Inc. for the Israel tour. Payment is made by check only. They do not accept credit card payments.
4. If you already have your passport, please include a copy of it. Your passport must be valid through November 15, 2012. If your passport expires prior to that date, you need to renew it.
5. If you do not have your passport, please apply for it right away as there may be long waiting periods to obtain passports.
6. If you have a US Air or Delta Airlines frequent flyer #, please include that.
7. The second payment of \$500 per person is due by November 15, 2011.
8. Final payment for the tour is due on or before March 1, 2012.
9. **Cancellation insurance** is recommended as there are cancellation penalties that will apply. Please note that insurance must be taken out within 21 days of your deposit to waive the pre-existing condition clause. If you would like this insurance, you need to sign up and pay for that separately, directly with the insurance company. **A Travelex brochure is included with your packet.** You may call them at 1-800-504-7883 if you have any questions, or go to: www.travelexinsurance.com. Our travel agent recommends this insurance, but you may use any company you desire. Our Israeli tour guide company provides medical insurance for everyone under the age of 75. This is included in the price of the tour. It covers your stay in Israel but does not cover you during the time we are visiting Bethlehem.
10. Approximately one month before departure, we will have an orientation meeting here in Fort Myers. If you live out of the area, we will mail you a DVD of the meeting plus all of the information that is handed out.

If I can answer any questions or be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email. I accompany Pastor and Mrs. Betzer on the tour and am glad to assist you with any of your questions or travel details.

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If I am out of the office, you may also call our travel agent Journeys Unlimited at 1-215-364-3010 ext. 100

Important details about our tours and cancellation information

The following information covers the details about what the price of our tours cover. You may see other Israel tours that cost less, but when you read the “fine print” for other tours, you will find out some things aren’t covered in the tour price or they use cheaper hotels.

The cost of the **Israel** tour will cover:

- Round trip airfare from Fort Myers. If you are flying from a different location, our travel agent, Journeys Unlimited (ph: 1-215-364-3010, ext. 100) will be glad to assist you with those reservations.
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotels
- Hotel accommodations in some of Israel’s finest hotels: Leonardo Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem (formerly the Sheraton Plaza), Galei Kinnereth in Tiberias right on the Sea of Galilee, and Dan Panorama in Tel Aviv
- Breakfast and dinner daily – wonderful large, delicious buffets for each of these meals
- Three lunches – the days we visit Bethlehem, Masada and the last day when we stop at a Druz Village. The other days we stop at places that are similar to our deli’s here in the U.S.
- All entrance fees to places we visit
- Tour bus, bus driver and tour guide for each bus
- All tips for the entire tour – bus driver, tour guide, hotel luggage porters, meal waiters and hotel front desk person
- Hotel taxes
- Airport taxes
- Medical insurance while you are in Israel for those under the age of 75 (it does not cover the time we are visiting Bethlehem which is under the control of the Palestinians)
- International phone card
- Personalized name badge
- Document case with luggage tags
- Luggage strap
- Each person will receive their own personalized “Holy Land Guide Book and Travel Diary” which was created and written by Ginny Traycik
- Pastor Betzer will hold an orientation meeting for the group about six weeks before departure where a lot of helpful printed information will be given out. The meeting will be video-taped and mailed to those who cannot attend, along with all of the printed information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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RESPONSIBILITY: Journeys Unlimited, Inc., it's hosts and/or escorts in accepting booking for the tour clearly stipulates that they are not liable for the faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in carrying out the tour services, nor for accidents, baggage losses, strikes, political unrest, riots, acts of war, or acts of God. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the tour operator, hosts and/or escorts. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is also reserved to withdraw this tour and to decline to accept or retain any persons or members of the tour. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time passengers are not on board.

TOUR CONDITIONS:

TOUR PRICE: Price per person, double occupancy, based on air, hotel and exchange rates at time of printing. Any increase in airfare and ground cost due to inflation, fuel surcharge, VAT tax, if tour falls under specified number, dollar devaluation, will be pro-rated and passed on to tour members. Air travel will be on a scheduled IATA/ARC carrier.

INCLUSIONS: Israeli buffet breakfast and hotel dinner daily in Israel, all entrance fees, tips, taxes, service charges, transfers, medical insurance while in Israel (for travelers under age 75), and portorage of one suitcase.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport, portorage at U.S. airports, travel insurance, any expenses incurred resulting from injury or accident, loss of or damage to luggage, and items of a personal nature; coffee, tea, mineral water and food or beverages not on the regular menu of the included meals, telephone calls, items from hotel room, laundry.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Twin bedded rooms with private bath. Single rooms available at additional charge. Any passenger unable to find a roommate must pay the single supplement. Triple rooms include a rollaway bed for the third person in the room.

SIGHTSEEING: As described, subject to local conditions at the time of tour. Itinerary may be changed at the discretion of the tour director or land operator.

MEMBERSHIP: The organizer has the right to refuse any applicant considered incompatible with the interests of the party as a whole, and may require a physician medical clearance form. Applying for membership constitutes consent to abide by the discretion of the organizer and to defray any expenses resulting from dismissal from the tour. Tour is based on a minimum number of participants. In case of less, there may be a price increase.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Each passenger is responsible for securing a passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of tour termination. You should do this immediately. No visas/inoculations required for U.S. citizens. Extensions to other countries may require a visa. Travelers should check with their physicians prior to travel overseas.

BAGGAGE: One bag per person is allowed to be checked with total dimension not to exceed 62 linear inches (length+width+height). Maximum weight – 50 lbs. A carry-on bag of 45 linear inches is allowed but must fit under seat. Space on the buses limit all travelers to one checked and one carry-on bag. You will be advised of any additional restrictions that may apply. *Excess baggage charges from tour operator and/or airlines may apply.*

CANCELLATION/REFUNDS/LATE BOOKING: Full refund, less \$200.00 administrative fee, will be made up to 90 days prior to departure; 90-46 days, \$500.00 penalty per person; 45-30 days, \$750.00 penalty per person; less than 30 days, nonrefundable. All nonrefundable airfare and overseas operation cancellation fees will be added to the above. All cancellations must be submitted in writing and will take effect upon date of receipt by Journeys Unlimited, Inc. (fax is accepted, 215 364-5606). Please note the above penalties are per person. *We strongly advise cancellation insurance*, which may grant full refund due to illness or unforeseen events. Limitations may apply. Insurance applications may be obtained from group leader or Journeys Unlimited. Please note that if insurance is taken out within 21 days of initial deposit, the pre-existing condition clause may be waived. See application or call TravelEx for details. Registrations received within 30 days of departure are subject to a \$100 per person surcharge to offset last minute communications between airlines, hotels and land operators. Expenses incurred as a result of special delivery or overnight delivery services of tour documents or information to late registrants will be passed to tour members.

REFUND OR EXCHANGE OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS: Unused hotel accommodations, meals, tour, flights, transportation or other services are not refundable or exchangeable for other accommodations, services or features.

ITINERARY CHANGES: A \$75 charge per person (plus any applicable fare/tour difference), per change will be assessed for those wishing to deviate from the prepared group itinerary. No changes can be accepted within 30 days of departure. Itinerary change fees are non-refundable. A \$50 nonrefundable research fee is required for anyone wishing to extend their trip beyond Israel. If the extension is booked, the \$50 will be applied against the total amount due.